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Social Justice Wins Out

Proposed Law Banning Car-Camping Is Dropped

WIP News Service

On Tuesday, June 25th, the Olympia City Council, amidst a swarm of citizen activists, decided not to pursue a proposed ban on car-camping that they have been developing since October of 2001. That news was the culminating moment that started with a 100-person rally outside City Hall and then moved closer to the Council Chambers with a vigil to pay respects to the homeless that have died.

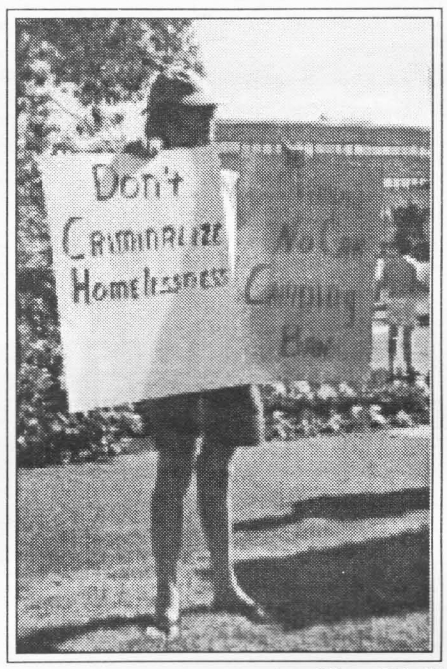
Throughout their deliberations, no councilmember would admit the proposed ordinances were directed at the homeless community and agree with the public that they were a clear effort to criminalize homelessness. The ordinances under consideration would restrict or ban panhandling, ban camping and car camping, no trespassing, and the sale of fortified wine.

Organized opposition to the ordinances has been ongoing since last fall and has resulted in 2,000 signatures on a petition, hundreds of voices at a city-sponsored community conversation, and a change of heart from the original proponent: the Olympia Downtown Association. The city has meanwhile been dedicating resources to the development of these ordinances to the tune of several tens of thousands of dollars. Homeless advocate LongHair David asks, "How many could we have sheltered with that money? Do you know how many tents or sleeping bags that would buy?" Clearly, the city has money to spend on the homeless issue, but not in any proactive or productive manner.

The council is still trying to develop an ordinance that would crack down on nuisance car camping which includes an impound and booting program that could result in the permanent loss of one's car. If a poor or homeless person can't pay a parking ticket, how is taking away their car going to make their life easier?

The council is still pursuing two policies that are redundant and just restate laws that already exist regarding no trespassing and pedestrian interference ordinance -- the latter of which is going to a public hearing in July.

On the bright side the council is considering some positive improvements to downtown that the public has been asking for since this whole mess started including: more restrooms, more street lighting, less police involvement with the mentally ill and maybe even a city-funded mental health outreach worker for the homeless community. All this is scheduled to be evaluated next fall, at which time the council may bring up the ordinances again as a solution to society's shortcomings of which homelessness is a symptom. ◆



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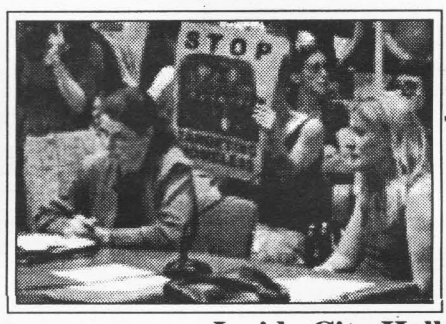
In front of City Hall



Inside City Hall

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The community lined both sides of the streets to encourage the Olympia City Council to stop targeting the homeless with laws.

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Cultivating Sustainable Movements

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Registration, refreshments and social time will begin at 11:00 a.m. At 12:00 noon sharp a series of large and small group activities will allow participants to generate insights and opportunities for strengthening these progressive movements for the long haul. Mid-afternoon will feature a "partially potluck picnic" and many concurrent activities (some lightly programmed and some spontaneous), networking, and leisurely conversations. Several upbeat activities will complete the event, ending at 5:30 p.m.

"These are difficult times to be working for peace and fairness at either the global or local level," said Glen Anderson, one of the event's organizers. "A lot of people see so many kinds of violence and injustice that they feel overwhelmed and powerless. The "Cultivating Sustainable Movements" workshop addresses that concern head-on. This workshop will help participants work together across movements and devise ways to make real progress."

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Activist and founding contributor of *Works In Progress*, Evelyn Montague died at home on April 16, 2002.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Joel Montague; her brother, Horace Perry of Friday Harbor; and two children, Ann Marie Montague of Newport, OR and Charles Montague who lives in Olympia. Evelyn was born and grew up in Oak Park, Illinois. At an early age, she developed an enduring sympathy for people in debilitating circumstances.

As an undergraduate at Cornell College, her major was Sociology. In Graduate School at Michigan State University she earned a Graduate Certificate in Social Work and a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology. She held various social work positions in both private and public agencies. She also taught at the University of Tennessee and at the University of Idaho.

Evelyn was an active worker for social justice. She conducted a major study of the children of migrant workers and she was on the regional staff of The Social Research Group of the University of Chicago. Evelyn served on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington.

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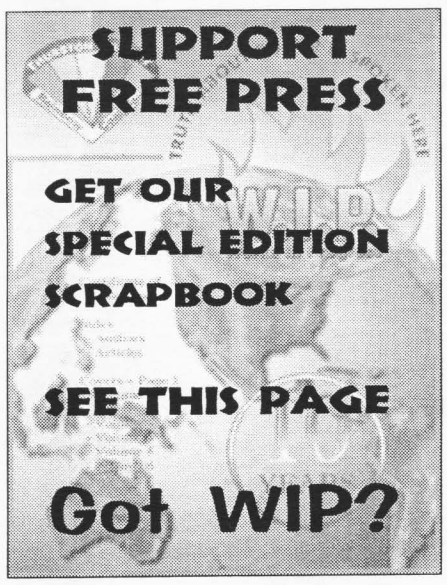

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What they would rather you didn't know...

Judi Bari won her court case!

Bari and Darryl Cherney awarded $4.4 million

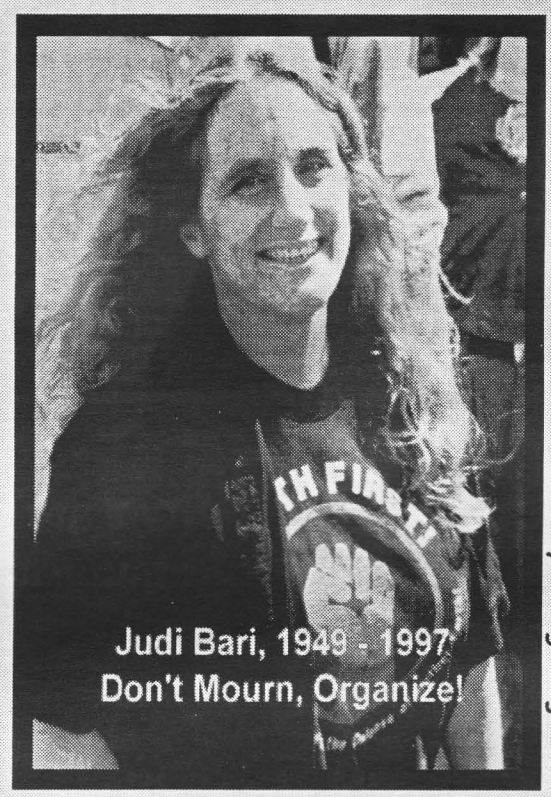
In 1990, Bari and Cherney were touring for Redwood Summer, an Earth First! "campaign of nonviolent mass protests against corporate liquidation logging." As they drove through Oakland, CA a motion-triggered pipe bomb exploded under Bari's seat seriously injuring her.

Even though Bari and Cherney immediately supplied photocopies of death threats they had received, they were arrested and accused of "knowingly transporting the bomb". For two months, both the FBI and O.P.D. claimed proof linking Bari to the building of the bomb until prosecutors dropped all charges due to an absence of evidence. The FBI never did find the perpetrators, but then they would have had to look for them.

Damages Awarded in Bari vs. FBI on June 11, 2002

Compensatory Damages	Bari	Cherney
False Arrest (4th Amendment)	$ 235,000	N/A
Unlawful Search (4th Amendment)	190,000	50,000
Free Speech Violation (1st Amendment)	1,175,000	800,000
Punitive Damages		
4th Amendment Violations	300,000	100,000
1st Amendment Violations	1,000,000	550,000

Sources: Justin Pritchard, *Associated Press*; Sandra Gonzales, *Mercury News*; Judi Bari Home Page



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The late Judi Bari after winning a round in her lawsuit against the FBI and Oakland Police in 1995.

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We're blockading the FBI from clear-cutting the Constitution. **Darryl Cherney**	**1** **1911**: New term coined in Poland, "vitamin" **2001**: Justice Dept reports gun purchase background check led to drop in crime	**2** **1881**: Pres Garfield shot in the back **2001**: First self-contained artificial heart implanted in Louisville, KY	**3** **1919**: Troops quell Chicago's race riots **2001**: Homecare workers right to organize initiative backers turn in 300,000 signatures	**4** **1913**: S. African troops kill gold mine strikers **1776**: Declaration of Independence adopted, section denouncing slave trade was deleted	**5** **2001**: Study reveals cloned genes do not work properly **2001**: DOE removes Hanford radioactive tanks from watch list	**6** **2001**: Labor Dept: 3-month jobless rate rise largest in decade **2001**: GW Bush wants to allow states to classify a fetus as a person
7 **2001**: Mayor Schell struck w/ megaphone **2001**: WA state reports most of those who have left welfare remain in poverty	**8** **2001**: WA state liquor/ tobacco-control agents will carry firearms **2001**:Thurston County agency okays Nisqually asphalt plant	**9** **2001**: The United States refuses to support any United Nations agreement that interferes with legal weapons trade	**10** **2001**: Bush backs off on proposal to allow religious groups to receive federal funds though they discriminated against gays	**11** **1933**: German school teachers ordered to read Adolf hitler's *Mein Kampf* and to make themselves familiar with Nazi creed	**12** **1995** Clinton declares schools have gone too far in banning religious activities **2001**: Campaign finance legislation fails	**13** **1787**: Congress excludes slavery from Northwest Territory **2001**: Gov Lock vetoes funding for People for Salmon
14 **1999**: US warplanes strike 13 Iraqi defense targets **2001**: Boeing plans to move 700 jobs from Renton to Everett	**15** **2001**: Federal GAO study shows that many advisers to the EPA have ties to affected industries or other conflicts of interest	**16** **1909**: Pittsburgh steel strikers clash w/ troops **1998**: Nation's factories plunged 0.6% in June '98; biggest one-month drop in 5 years	**17** **1997**: State Investment Board won't sell $255 million tobacco stocks **1998**: Yeltsin speaks at service for Czar Nicholas II and family	**18** **1964**: Killing of black teen by NY white cop leads to riot **2001**: Albertsons will close 165 stores nationwide	**19** **1919**: Beginning of four-day long race riot in Washington, D.C. triggered by raids on black residential areas by white soldiers	**20** **2001**: Protester shot and killed in Genoa at G-8 Summit; dozens others injured **2001**: Serial killer Michael Braae arrested
21 **1906**: Captain Dreyfus is vindicated **2001**: 100,000 protest at G-8 Summit for second day; other demonstrations across Europe	**22** **1931**: Moratorium on taxes put into effect in Kansas to help distressed farmers **2001**: Another quake hits Nisqually at 4.3	**23** **2001**: US, largest polluter, only one not to sign Kyoto agreement **2001**: US House approves Justice Dept oversight of FBI	**24** **1948**: Henry. Wallace nominated President candidates of the Progressive Party **1937**: Alabama frees 5 Scottsboro defendants	**25** **1900**: New Orleans mobs attack Blacks **2001**: Wal-Mart to build 2 stores in Lacey **2001**: Westside Value Village closes its doors.	**26** **1953**: Fidel Castro begins revolution in Cuba against the government of dictator Fulgencio Batista with an attack	**27** **1914**: British troops invade Dublin streets to disarm Irish rebels **2001**: ELF claims it spiked trees in Gifford Pinchot Nat'l Forest
28 **1917**: 10,000 blacks marched down Fifth Avenue, New York City, in silent parade protesting lynchings and racial indignities	**29** **1907**: IWW's Big Bill Haywood acquitted on charges of conspiracy to murder Idaho Gov. **2001**: Target store opens in Lacey	**30** **2001**: Nat'l Academy of Science claims technologies to reduce gas consumption exist **2001**: Red tide closes Eld and Totten inlets	**31** **2001**: US House votes to ban human cloning **2001**: NW utilities accuse energy suppliers of price gouging and want reimbursements	***This case is not just about me or Darryl or Earth First!, this case is about the rights of all political activists to engage in dissent without having to fear the government's secret police.*** **Judi Bari**		

Confusing the Face of the Enemy

Ron Jacobs

During America's war against the Vietnamese, one of the common plaints of the soldiers in the jungle was that one couldn't tell the "enemy" from a "friend". Eventually, this inability to differentiate turned to a frustration that changed the rules of engagement, at least unofficially. No longer were there enemies and friends among the Vietnamese. They all became the enemy to the GI in the field. It was this type of consciousness that led to atrocities like the one that happened in My Lai, where hundreds of women and children were massacred by Lt. Calley and some of his soldiers. Of course, many soldiers were never personally involved in slaughter on the scale of My Lai, but virtually every GI who fired a weapon in the jungle in Vietnam lives with the uncertainty of who he really killed-innocent or enemy.

As the war in Afghanistan continues, the likelihood of a similar scenario developing grows ever more likely. Already, US forces have mistakenly killed Afghanis involved in smuggling (a common way of making a living in the mountains of the region), thinking they were Taliban fighters intent on killing US soldiers. Other so-called mistakes have been made when villages were bombed because Taliban and Al-Queda fighters were believed to be residing there. When the dust had settled, however, it was discovered that only civilians had been killed by the US bombs. An American GI was recently quoted in the *Washington Post* when asked about his mission, "That's one of the frustrating parts of being over here," Eddy said later with a sigh. "You can't tell who's who."(5/18/02)

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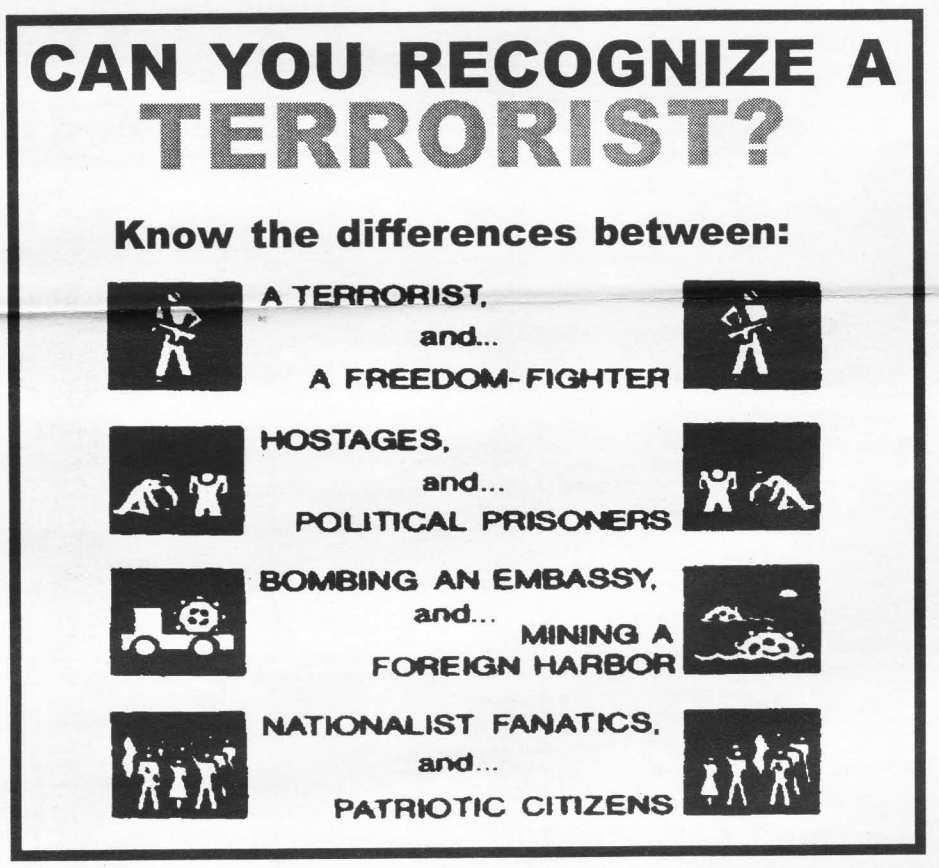
Besides a confusion based on the inability of foreign troops to distinguish friend from foe due to the fact that they all seem to dress the same, there is the lack of understanding of local customs. A recent US helicopter attack on an Afghani wedding that killed several of the celebrants is one example. When asked about this action, the US military spokesman first tried to defend the action as a legitimate target because there had been gunfire and, "that kind of behavior is not indicative of a wedding." When I was a kid in Pakistan, I went to a wedding of a Pakistani friend of the family and after the couple was married and the celebration began, most of the men in attendance fired their weapons in the air several times. Indeed, it seemed that shooting weapons into the air was part of many a celebration in this part of the world.

Instead of acknowledging this, however, the US military has insisted that the target was legitimate and that "Taliban or Al-Queda" were killed. This uncertainty itself as to who was killed only emphasizes the potential of intentional mistakes such as these killings and others like it. Of course, in what can only appear even more callous than an admission that a mistake was made, the Pentagon stated that the military meant to kill the Afghanis identified as wedding celebrants by their relatives and friends. When one is on the ground in a war zone, the logic becomes one of survival. Politics do not matter much to a human who believes their life is in danger no matter what uniform s/he is wearing. The only thing that matters is killing the person who wants to kill you. Killer or corpse-neither is a desirable option.

If for this reason and no other, the US-led foreign forces must leave Afghanistan and every other place they currently roam in their attempt to keep the "natives in their place." If US troops are not in foreign countries, they will not be killed by fighters opposed to their presence there. It's as simple as that. Similarily, if the United States stopped supporting the occupation of the Palestinian territories, the likelihood of a terror attack on the US by groups or individuals supporting the liberation of Palestine would decrease to virtually nothing. This is not a difficult dynamic, nor is it lacking in sense. Indeed, the current dynamic which insists on maintaining (and in some cases expanding) the US military presence around the globe and backing Israeli expansionist policies, both morally and financially, is the policy which lacks sense. There is little doubt that it is this imperial approach to the world that endangers us regular folks, whether we wear a uniform or not. ◆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Massacre at Mazar

This film raises questions that will not go away.

Andrew McEntee, international human rights lawyer

Germany -- Massacre at Mazar, a film recently previewed in Berlin, accuses the United States of participating in the murder and torture of Afghanistan prisoners of war near Mazar-i-Sharif. U.K. filmmaker Jamie Doran's 20 minute film, a preview of a future full length documentary, closely follows the findings of the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) report. Much of it shot secretly, the film features interviews with six Afghan witnesses who have agreed to testify at a international war crimes tribunal though they fear for their personal safety.

In late November 2001, thousands of Taliban troops were captured following the battle of Kunduz. These prisoners of war were transported to Sherberghan prison, under U.S. control via "sealed shipping containers. Hundreds of the prisoners died during transport and at the suggestion of the United States, the bodies were taken out in the desert and buried in mass graves. In Doran's film, witnesses report that "many were still alive" and that before they were buried, they "were shot while 30 to 40 American soldiers purportedly stood by."

The Afghans also reported other atrocities. One claimed to have witnessed a prisoner having his neck broken by an American soldier and acid being poured on others. "The Americans did whatever they wanted. We had no power to stop them." In addition, he related that prisoners that had been tortured were sometimes taken out side and "disappeared".

The Pentagon's response to the film was that the "US Central command looked into it a few months ago, when allegations first surfaced when there were graves discovered in the area of Sherberghan prison. They looked into it and did not substantiate any knowledge, presence or participation of US service members."

In January, the Physicians for Human Rights team traveled to Mazar-i-Sharif where they discovered mass graves. One had countless body parts strewn across the sand, obviously scattered by dogs and vultures. A witness they spoke to recounted "that shortly after the end of Ramadan (end of November/beginning of December 2001) bulldozers were seen at work in the area, which was closely guarded by soldiers. He stated that he believed that the bulldozers were there because dead bodies had been brought there during the night, when villagers were not allowed out. Soldiers guarding the area did not allow locals to observe what was going on."

Sources: *The Scotsman*; *Independent Online.*; *The Irish Times*; *The Guardian*; Physicians for Human Rights.

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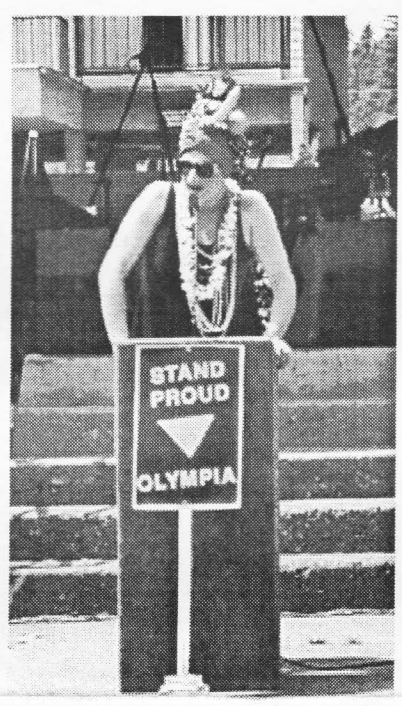

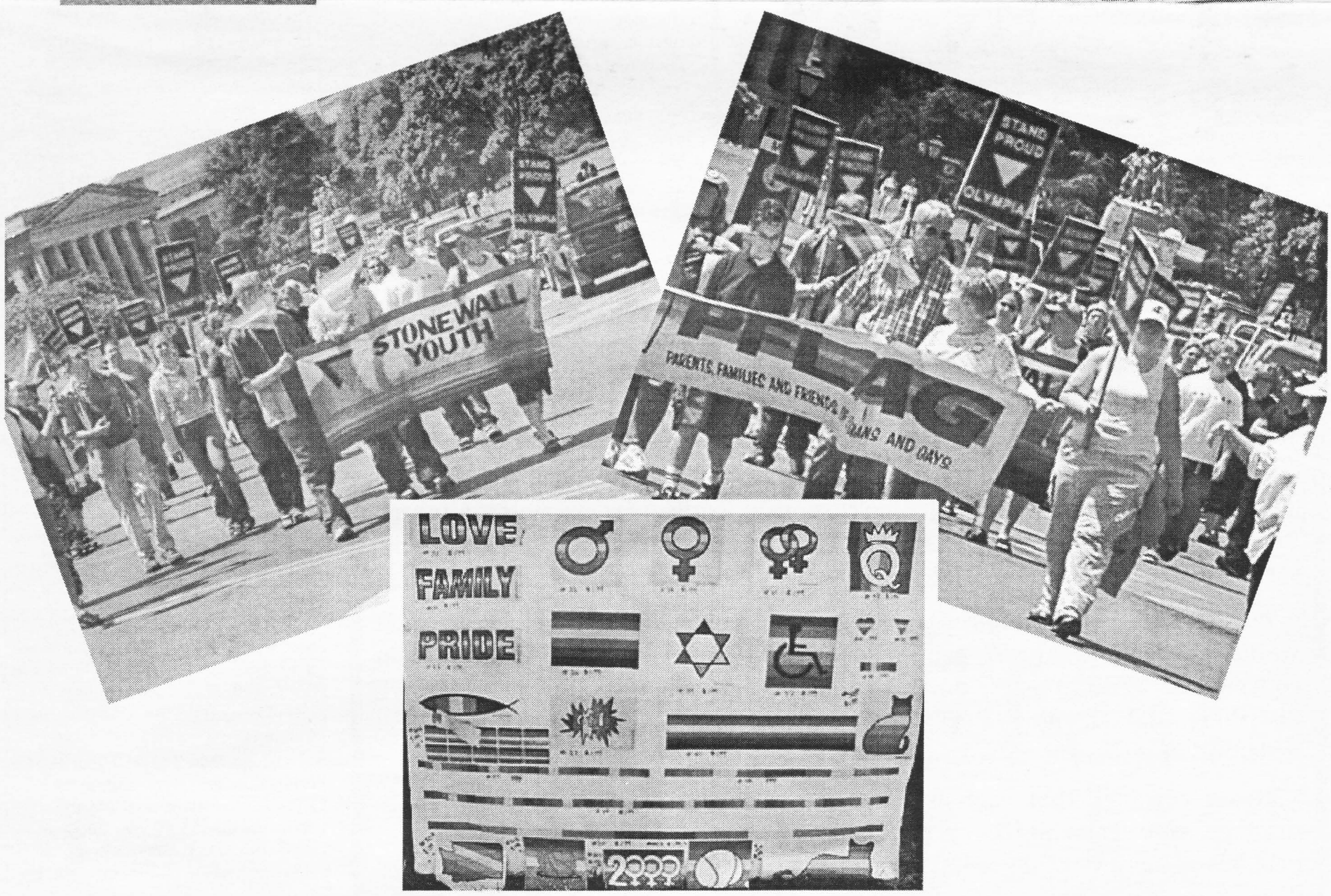

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Ivy is Big Problem

L. Pickett

Slowly slithering along the ground, the monster sees its prey. With deadly accuracy, it closes in, and begins to strangle its victim, which will suffer in agony for a number of years before it meets its untimely death.

Does this sound like the summary of a cheap horror film? It isn't. It's a description of a real disaster that's threatening the future of our remaining natural areas in Thurston County.

Varieties of English Ivy (hedera helix) have for decades been attacking our forests and woods just as I described above, and spreading exponentially. This vigorous noxious weed quickly grows up trees. It weakens the tree by choking out its sunlight, and adds so much weight to the poor tree that it eventually falls down and dies. But other trees don't replace this one, because in the meantime, the ivy covers the entire ground, keeping just about any other kind of plant from growing there. If you often stop by Priest Point Park, Rolling Fields, Watershed Park or any of the great number of parks that have been infested, you probably know what I'm talking about.

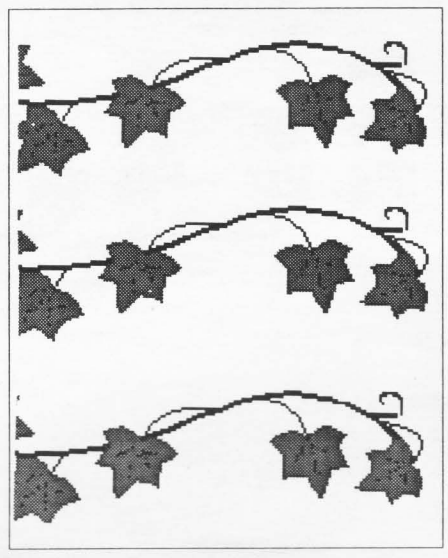
One thing that makes ivy especially horrible is that no place is safe from it. Ivy reproduces by growing berries that non-native birds like starlings and sparrows like to feast on. This way, a bird can eat a berry, and then poop the seeds out miles away, spreading the destruction of ivy to places it never was meant to be.

For over a year I've worked with the home-school club of the YMCA Earth Service Corps, called "Wakote". This group of young environmentalists decided we wanted to do something to help Priest Point Park, where an especially bad case of ivy has been devastating the beautiful forests that have made the park so popular. For a number of months, we met regularly to pull up ivy and plant native plants in its place. It was fun, but hard work.

It was quite the slap in the face to learn that people all over the county, including our own government, are planting ivy at the same time as we are trying hard to kill it. Realizing that a leaf of prevention is worth a vine of cure, we wrote a letter to the noxious weed boards of the county and the state. The state board never wrote back, but we were happy to hear the news last fall when the state weed board declared ivy to be a "Class C" noxious weed.

Meanwhile, the county weed board was kind enough to send us back a personal invitation to speak at their next board meeting. We agreed, and made a presentation to the board about the need to control ivy. A representative of the Northeast Neighborhood Association, and a number of other community members also came to support the battle against the terrible noxious weed. While the county weed board doesn't apparently have the power to regulate the spread of English Ivy, they have agreed to provide some support for our efforts to encourage everybody to avoid spreading the noxious weed.

Ivy is a problem that has been ignored for far too long. Luckily, people are now coming to recognize it and understand it. In Oregon, a group called the No Ivy League started as an effort to clean ivy out of Forest Park in Portland. They started adopting more political tactics against ivy's spread, and met success. Oregon has now quarantined the weed, slowing its spread. Ultimately, Washington State needs to do the same.



Meanwhile, we need to start helping people, governments, and businesses understand the big problem that ivy is. To do this, YMCA Earth Service Corps is launching an educational campaign to spread the message, and has been organizing community ivy pulling events at Watershed Park. Meanwhile, we've brought the issue to the attention of the Olympia School District, which recently planted sprouts of ivy at Capital High School and Washington Middle School. We hope to continue talking to our elected officials until they get the point. Another campaign we're starting is a Noxious Weed Free Nursery Campaign, where we're trying to get nurseries to pledge to sell no noxious weeds, including ivy.

The campaign against ivy is something that will benefit the entire community, especially if it can get the support of the entire community. If you are a community member or nursery who wants to support the effort in any way, feel free to give Rochelle a call at (360) 357-6609 or email at ssyesc@juno.com. Even if you don't want to get involved with this campaign, you can make a big difference by not planting ivy, pulling ivy when you see it coming up, and helping your friends and neighbors see what a problem it is. ◆

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TULIP Counts Down to Opening Credit Union

A group of volunteers in the Olympia community wants to improve access to financial services for its low-income residents by creating a credit union and offering financial literacy education.

Thurston Union of Low Income People (TULIP) will be holding a kick-off celebration to send us into the homestretch for the credit union opening. There will be dinner, childcare, music, and lots of valuable information about the upcoming low-income credit union and financial education program.

Friday, July 19th from 5-8pm
The Fertile Ground Guesthouse
311 9th Avenue SE
behind the Olympia Timberland Library
For information call 956-9235

We are getting close to opening, so it's time to get together, celebrate our accomplishments so far, and find out what our potential members want and need from TULIP as we plan our near future.

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What Is A Low-income Credit Union?

Credit unions are not-for-profit cooperative financial institutions, owned by their members, who save and borrow there. Members are entitled to vote for credit union policies and officers, to volunteer, and to become directors.

TULIP's goal is to serve members who are presently underserved by existing banks and credit unions in Thurston County. We want to provide services such as micro enterprise and emergency loans (under $1,000), financial education, and general financial services such as savings, checking, and bankcards. We want to create a comfortable environment for people whose particular needs are often neglected by traditional financial institutions. We hope to empower the credit union's membership through volunteer involvement, and to help raise awareness of low-income issues among the more moneyed community.

By serving a low-income membership, the credit union will qualify for some regulatory advantages that will help the credit union provide better service to its members, including the ability to accept non-member deposits. These advantages will be passed on to members in the form of better access to credit union services.

To become a credit union member, you must live in Thurston County and your annual household income cannot exceed 80% of the national median household income. In 2001, this figure was $34,514.00. If you don't qualify, there are other ways that you can participate. Call us.

Right now the TULIP organizers are completing the steps required by state and federal authorities to ensure that the credit union will be successful. Once we meet their criteria, they will issue us a charter, sort of like an operating license. Our current timeline would have the credit union doors opening sometime in October 2002. As soon as we receive our charter, we can start signing up members. In the meantime, you can join our volunteer effort to get the project off the ground! Call for more info.

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What is WIP about?

ON VACATION

Kauai: Sun, Sand & Surf

Jerome Johnson

Last year, I went to the Hawaiian Garden Island, Kauai. I spent a week there on vacation and lemme tell ya, it's one of the best decisions I've ever made. Kauai is absolutely, stunningly beautiful--the pictures are an understatement.

On Saturday of my trip, I got up at about 9. Even though it was October the weather was gorgeous--sunny and a balmy 85 degrees, with just the right touch of humidity. A nice tropical breeze blew through my patio door, and from there I could see the blue Pacific lapping at the cleanest beaches I've ever seen.

Well, I got up, took a shower and leisurely dressed. Then I got in my rented car and drove north, along Kauai's east coast. It was fantastic--windows open, breeze blowing, soft music from the stereo. Because the speed limit is 45mph, I was able to cruise along and enjoy the ride and the scenery. I passed through the village of Kapa'a, and stopped several times. I just pulled over to the shoulder and walked on the beach or in the surf. Or watched people surfing. Or just enjoyed the view.

When I reached Hanalei about 45 minutes later, I stopped at the lookout and peered down into Hanalei valley. In the town itself, I picked up souvenirs--including a shot glass for a friend of mine (who returned the favor when he went to Vegas last month). Then I drove up to Haeena State Park, which is fabulous. I saw the cave and its pool, but saved the 11 mile hike for this year. Instead I walked on the beach and took pictures of the green Na Pali cliffs towering behind me. On one side was the beach, shaded by palm trees; on the other, trees and beach. When I walked into the warm surf, I loved looking down and watching the little guppies and other brightly-colored fish swimming around my feet. The water was crystal clear, and had a "lightly salted" taste--much different than the water at our beaches here. And this beach was SPOTLESS--a far cry from Westport and Ocean Shores!

Next I drove a little further, into Princeville. It's named after England's Prince Albert, who visited Kauai with his lady Queen Victoria in the 19th century. I spent a terrific afternoon hiking and kayaking on a real ranch! Although I knew Hawaii has ranches and cowboys, I was still surprised to see one on a balmy tropical island. Yet there it was. Later I sampled the beef, and I must say that it was a great steak!

We got into a van and drove to the trailhead. We had a great view of the Na Pali cliffs, and our guides made the hike interesting. We all laughed at the sensitive little weed whose leaves curl in when you touch it, then slowly open again. We walked for about a quarter mile, then reached a lovely little creek hidden in the valley. Birds were singing, shafts of sunlight came through the trees. We got into our kayaks and paddled for about another quarter mile downstream.

Now, this was my first time ever in a kayak. After successfully getting in(yes, that WAS an accomplishment!), I had a hell of a time staying in the middle of the creek. Fortunately it was very narrow--I was able to push myself away from the banks and keep going. And low branches provided "handles" I used to move forward.

We set the kayaks aside and got back on the trail. We walked about a quarter mile before reaching an absolutely gorgeous little hidden grotto. The creek became a waterfall flowing into a beautiful natural pool, surrounded by trees. There was a little gazebo where we had a light lunch of Edam, turkey, mustard, fruit and bread. Then we retraced our steps, boarded our kayaks and, a delicious four hours later, I was back in Kapa'a, walking near my hotel--and hoping my pictures would turn out (they did).

Treat yourself. Visit Kauai.

* In Venezuela, Hugo Chavez recovers from a US-influenced coup attempt.
* In Sri Lanka, Pres. Gusmao continues to rebuild a broken country.
* And in Olympia, a community celebrates the arts--and NO Wal-Mart on Yelm Highway! ◆

Pipeline Opposition Starts Tree-Sit

The Cascadia Defense Network has installed a tree sit on property where the Black River is to be crossed by the proposed Williams Co. natural gas pipeline (see June Green Pages article). The sit has been active since at least June 24th.

CDN is working in solidarity with the South Sound Watershed Coalition in opposing the pipeline. There are numerous safety concerns as well as significant environmental concerns with the project.

Weekly SSWC meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30pm, meet outside the westside coop on Rogers and Bowman NW olympia. You can also reach us at fightthepipeline@olynetwork.org

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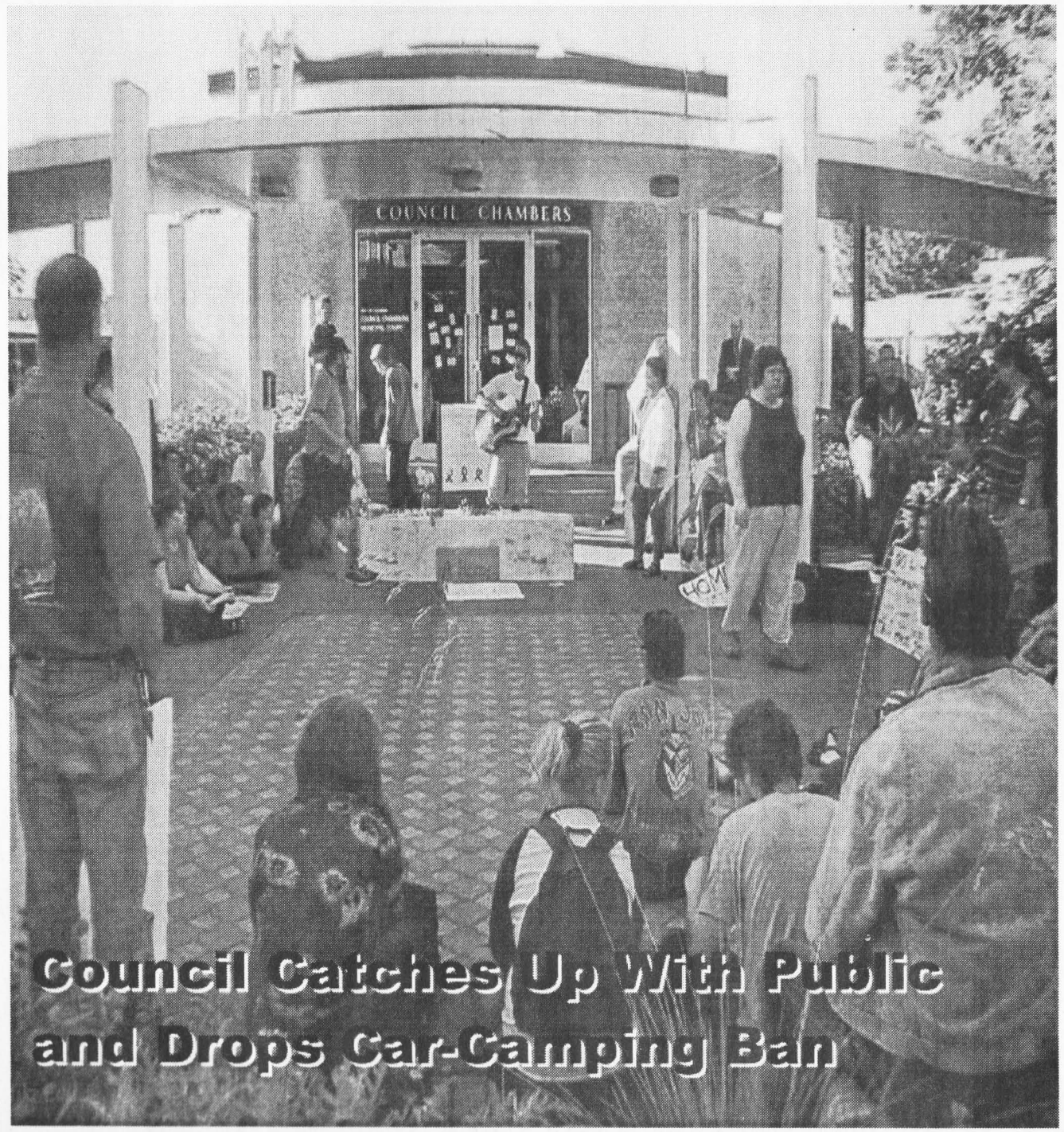

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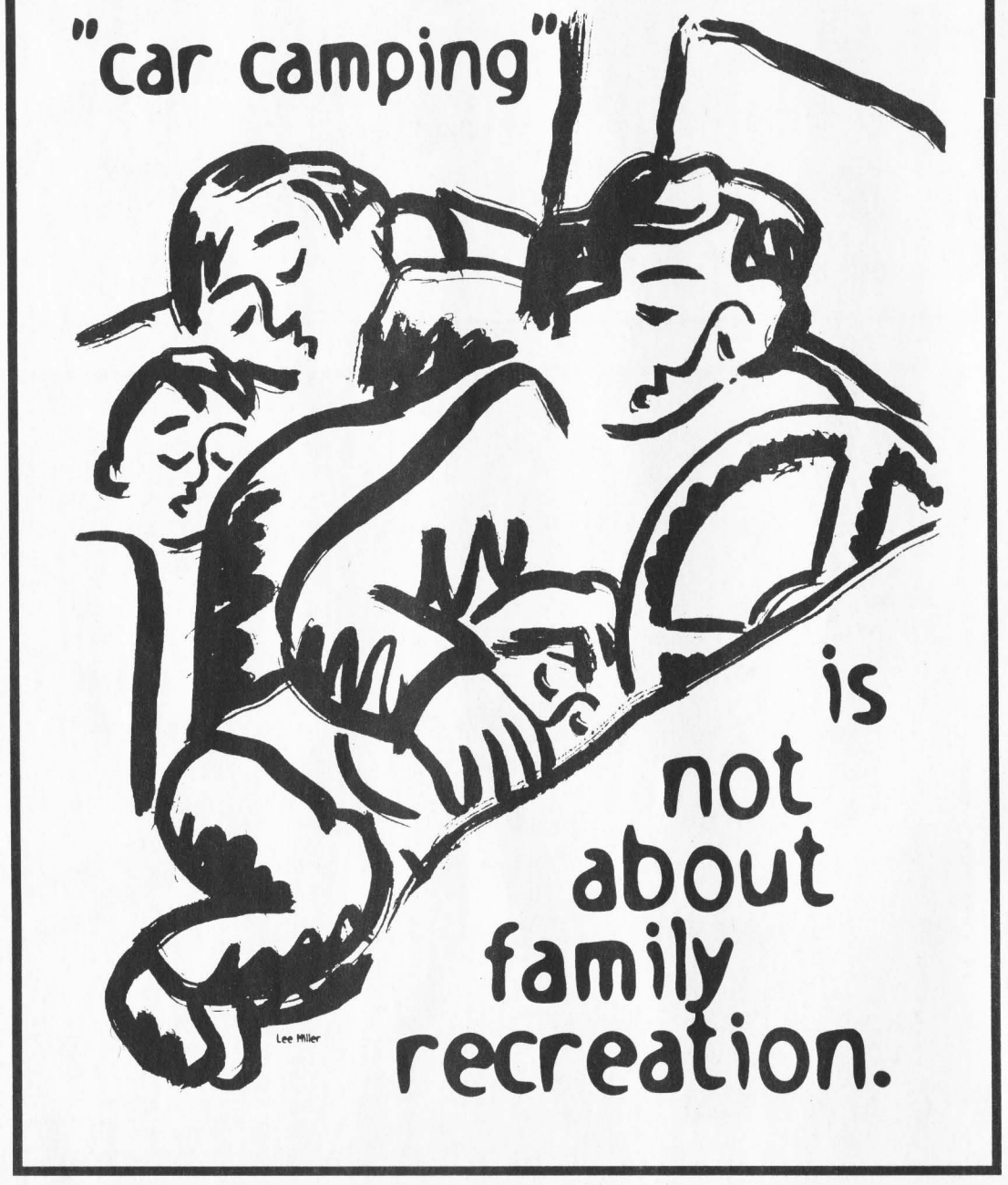

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